

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for supporting objects to identify is manufacturable at low cost and is capable of providing correct images of the objects. The apparatus has belts (19, 21) to transport the objects (M) through a photographing section (13). The apparatus also has strings (27, 29) stretched across the photographing section in the object transporting direction. Each of the objects transported by the belts to the photographing section is supported between the belts and the strings and is photographed from the string side.